AMENDMENT TO THE CLAIMS
This listing of the claims replaces all prior listings of the claims.

Listing of the Claims:

1.   (Currently Amended) A method for capturing line item data by a data processing system, ~~the method~~ comprising ~~steps performed by a data processing system, of~~:

receiving claim identification information from a ~~claimant~~ client computer, said claim identification information ~~comprising, at least, one line level~~ identifying an insurance claim;

presenting the client computer with an option to enter line item data regarding the claim through a web-based process or through a spreadsheet;

when the spreadsheet option is selected:

querying the client computer to determine whether a spreadsheet appropriate for the type of insurance claim needs to be downloaded to the client computer, the spreadsheet receives the line item data;

downloading the spreadsheet appropriate for the type of insurance claim to the client computer;

inserting line item data into the spreadsheet appropriate for the type of insurance claim;

aggregating the line item data collected from the client computer;

storing the line item data in an insurance host server; and

when the web-based process option is selected:

providing ~~a~~ the client computer with an item tree of line item ~~level~~ data based on [[a]] the line level; ~~and~~

aggregating the line item ~~level~~ data collected from the ~~claimant~~ client computer; and

storing the line item ~~level~~ data in an insurance host server.

2.   (Currently amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the step of receiving claim identification information[[,]] further includes the step of receiving a claim number from the claimant.

3.   (Currently amended) The method of claim 2, wherein the step of receiving claim identification information, further includes the step of receiving a password from the claimant.

4.   (Currently amended) The method of claim 3, wherein the step of receiving claim identification information, further includes the step of validating the password and the claim number.

5.   (Currently amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the step of receiving claim identification information[[,]] further includes the step of issuing a fraud warning.

6.   (Currently amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the step of providing and aggregating comprises the step of downloading a further comprising receiving information into the spreadsheet to the claimant when the spreadsheet option is selected.

7.   (Currently amended) The method of claim 6, wherein the step of providing and aggregating comprises the step of aggregating line item level data in the spreadsheet when the spreadsheet option is selected.

8.   (Currently amended) The method of claim 6, wherein the step of providing and aggregating further comprises the step of uploading the spreadsheet from to the claimant insurance host server when the spreadsheet option is selected.

9. (Currently amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the ~~step of~~ providing ~~and aggregating~~ comprises ~~the step of~~ displaying an item tree of line item data based on the line level <u>when the web-based process option is selected</u>.

10. (Currently amended) The method of claim 9, wherein the ~~step of~~ providing ~~and aggregating~~ <u>further</u> comprises ~~the step of~~ tunneling through the item tree <u>when the web-based process option is selected</u>.

11. (Currently amended) The method of claim 9, wherein the ~~step of~~ providing ~~and aggregating~~ <u>further</u> comprises ~~the step of~~ receiving a selection of line item ~~level~~ data from the item tree <u>when the web-based process option is selected</u>.

12. (Currently amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the ~~step of~~ ~~providing and~~ aggregating comprises ~~the step of~~ updating a display of line items based on claimant's selected line items <u>when the web-based process option is selected</u>.

13. (Currently amended) The method of claim 1, further comprising ~~the step of~~ updating a display of aggregated line item ~~level~~ data from the insurance host server <u>when either the spreadsheet or the web-based process option is selected</u>.

14. (Currently amended) The method of claim 1, further comprising ~~the step of~~ editing a listing of aggregated line item data from the insurance host server <u>when either the spreadsheet or the web-based process option is selected</u>.

15. (Currently amended) A system for capturing line item data, comprising:

a processor for executing programs; and

a memory for storing a program executable by the processor, the stored program including instructions for<u>:</u>

(i) receiving claim identification information from a ~~claimant~~ client computer, said claim identification information comprising, ~~at least, one~~ a line level identifying an insurance claim [[,]];

(ii) presenting the client computer with an option to enter line item data regarding the claim through a web-based process or through a spreadsheet;

(iii) when the web-based process option is selected:

(a) providing [[a]] the client computer with an item tree of line item ~~level~~ data based on a line level; and

(b) aggregating the line item data collected from the client computer;

(iv) when the spreadsheet option is selected:

(a) querying the client computer to determine whether a spreadsheet appropriate for the type of insurance claim needs to be downloaded;

(b) downloading the spreadsheet appropriate for the insurance claim;

(c) inserting line item data into the spreadsheet appropriate for the type of insurance claim;

(d) aggregating the line item ~~level~~ data collected from the ~~claimant~~ client computer, and

~~(iii)~~ (v) storing the line item ~~level~~ data in an insurance host server when either the spreadsheet or the web-based process option is selected.

16. (Currently amended) The system of claim 15, wherein the receiving claim identification information includes receiving a claim number from the ~~claimant~~ client computer.

17. (Currently amended) The system of claim 16, wherein the receiving claim identification information includes receiving a password from the ~~claimant~~ client computer.

18.   (Currently amended) The system of claim 17, wherein ~~the~~ receiving claim identification information includes validating the password and claim number.

19.   (Currently amended) The system of claim 15, wherein ~~the~~ receiving claim identification information includes issuing a fraud warning.

20.   (Currently amended) The system of claim 15 ~~wherein providing and aggregating includes downloading a~~, further comprising receiving information into the spreadsheet ~~to the claimant~~ when the spreadsheet option is selected.

21.   (Currently amended) The system of claim 20, wherein ~~providing and~~ the aggregating the line item data includes aggregating line item ~~level~~ data in the spreadsheet when the spreadsheet option is selected.

22.   (Currently amended) The system of claim 20, wherein ~~providing and~~ the aggregating the line item data includes uploading the spreadsheet ~~from the claimant~~ to the insurance host server when the spreadsheet option is selected.

23.   (Currently amended) The system of claim 15, wherein ~~the~~ providing ~~and aggregating~~ includes displaying an item tree of line item data based on the line level when the web-based process option is selected.

24.   (Currently amended) The system of claim 23, wherein ~~the~~ providing ~~and aggregating~~ includes tunneling through the item tree when the web-based process option is selected.

25.   (Currently amended) The system of claim 23, wherein ~~the~~ providing ~~and aggregating~~ includes receiving a selection of a line item ~~level~~ data from the item tree when the web-based process option is selected.

26.   (Currently amended) The system of claim 15, wherein ~~providing and~~ the aggregating the line item data includes updating a display of line items based on a claimant's selected line items when the web-based process is selected.

27.   (Currently amended) The system of claim 15, wherein the stored program further includes instructions for updating a display of aggregated line item ~~level~~ data from the insurance host server.

28.   (Currently amended) The system of claim 15, wherein the stored program further includes instructions for editing a listing of aggregated line item ~~level~~ data from the insurance host server.

29.   (Currently amended) A computer readable medium containing instructions for controlling a computer system to perform a method for capturing line item data, the method comprising:

        receiving claim identification information from a ~~claimant~~ client computer, said claim identification information comprising~~, at least, one~~ a line level identifying an insurance claim;

        presenting the client computer with an option to enter line item data through a web-based process or through a spreadsheet;

        when the spreadsheet option is selected:

                querying the client computer to determine whether a spreadsheet appropriate for the type of insurance claim needs to be downloaded to the client computer;

                downloading the appropriate spreadsheet to the client computer;

                inserting line item data into the spreadsheet appropriate for the type of insurance claim;

                aggregating the line item data collected from the client computer;

                storing the line item data in an insurance host server; and

when the web-based process is selected:

providing [[a]] the client computer with an item tree of line item level data based on a line level; [[and]]

aggregating the line item level data collected from the claimant client computer; and

storing the line item level data in an insurance host server.

30.　(Currently amended)　The computer readable medium of claim 29, wherein the step receiving claim identification information, further includes the step of receiving a claim number from the claimant client computer.

31.　(Currently amended)　The computer readable medium of claim 30, wherein the step of receiving claim identification information, further includes the step of receiving a password from the claimant client computer.

32.　(Currently amended)　The computer readable medium of claim 31, wherein the step of receiving claim identification information, further includes the step of validating the password and the claim number.

33.　(Currently amended)　The computer readable medium of claim 29, wherein the step of receiving claim identification information, further includes the step of issuing a fraud warning.

34.　(Currently amended)　The computer readable medium of claim 29 wherein the step of providing and aggregating comprises the step of downloading a , further comprising receiving information into the spreadsheet to the claimant when the spreadsheet option is selected.

35.　(Currently amended)　The computer readable medium of claim 34 29, wherein the step of providing and aggregating comprises the step of aggregating line item level data in the spreadsheet when the spreadsheet option is selected.

36. (Currently amended) The computer readable medium of claim ~~34~~ 29, wherein the ~~step of providing and~~ aggregating comprises ~~the step of~~ uploading the spreadsheet ~~from the claimant~~ to the insurance host server when the spreadsheet option is selected.

37. (Currently amended) The computer readable medium of claim 29, wherein the ~~step of~~ providing ~~and aggregating~~ comprises ~~the step of~~ displaying an item tree of line item data based on the line level when the web-based process option is selected.

38. (Currently amended) The computer readable medium of claim 37, wherein the ~~step of~~ providing ~~and aggregating~~ further comprises ~~the step of~~ tunneling through the item tree when the web-based process option is selected.

39. (Currently amended) The computer readable medium of claim 37, wherein the ~~step of~~ providing ~~and aggregating~~ further comprises ~~the step of~~ receiving a selection of a line item ~~level~~ data from the item tree when the web-based process option is selected.

40. (Currently amended) The computer readable medium of claim 29, wherein the ~~step of~~ providing ~~and aggregating~~ comprises ~~the step of~~ updating a display of line items based on a claimant's selected line items when the web-based process option is selected.

41. (Currently amended) The computer readable medium of claim 29, further comprising ~~the step of~~ updating a display of aggregated line item ~~level~~ data from the insurance host server.

42. (Currently amended) The computer readable medium of claim 29, further comprising ~~the step of~~ editing a listing of aggregated line item ~~level~~ data from the insurance host server.

43.   (New) The method of claim 1, wherein the querying performed when the spreadsheet option is selected comprises:

        checking a cookie on the client computer; and

        noting whether the client computer has a particular spreadsheet.

44.   (New) The system of claim 15, wherein the querying performed when the spreadsheet option is selected comprises instructions for:

        checking a cookie on the client computer; and

        noting whether the client computer has a particular spreadsheet.

45.   (New) The computer readable medium of claim 29, wherein the querying performed when the spreadsheet option is selected comprises:

        checking a cookie on the client computer; and

        noting whether the client computer has a particular spreadsheet.